

## Sales Tax Repeal Causes Wrangle In Assembly

Bill Is Referred To Rules Committee After House Debate

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ANNAPOIS, Nov. 6.—The General Assembly moved into the second day of its special session today with a score of the 84 bills introduced yesterday scheduled to come up for final passage in both the House and Senate.

The opening day was featured by an address by Gov. Lane and a brief wrangle in the House over a bill by Delegate S. Pete Pollack, Democrat, of Baltimore to repeal the sales tax, effective July 1, 1948. The measure was referred to the Rules Committee after an unsuccessful move to put it before the House acting as a committee of the whole.

**Submits 3 Other Bills.**  
Three other bills were submitted by Mr. Pollack. One would return to the counties all sales tax receipts in excess of \$19,000,000. An estimated \$25,000,000 will be produced by the present levy. The refund would be made in proportion to the amount paid in each county. Another bill would sharply increase tax rates on railroads, corporations and power, telephone and telegraph companies and would raise the inheritance tax. The third would legalize bookmaking. Mr. Pollack estimated that tax increases would raise about \$18,000,000 annually while the bookmaking measure would yield about \$3,000,000 a year.

A companion measure to the sales tax repealer in the House was introduced by Senator Robert B. Byrnes, Republican, of Allegany County, and was referred to the Rules Committee without debate.

**Byrnes Offers Bill.**  
Also presented in the Senate was a bill by Senator President Joseph R. Byrnes, Democrat, of Baltimore to raise the sales tax exemption from 9 to 14 cents as proposed by the Governor in his speech.

This plan, it has been estimated, would reduce the amount to be collected from the 2 per cent levy by about \$1,450,000 a year. State Controller James J. Lacy has estimated the sales tax yield during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, at about \$25,000,000.

In his talk before a joint session of the Legislature, the Governor said the State's financial condition is such that a reduction in taxation now can be considered.

**Tax Charges Proposed.**  
Recommending a raise in the sales tax exemption, the Governor declared:

"I believe that the adjustment will eliminate much of the minor irritation that inevitably accompanies any form of direct taxation. Perhaps the greatest beneficiaries would be children who no longer would have to pay the tax on ice cream and confections."

"The question of whether provision should be made for the Board of Public Works to raise further the minimum figure at which the tax becomes operable, I leave to the discretion of the General Assembly."

While endorsing Baltimore's request for authority to levy special taxes, the Governor urged that it be granted with specific limitations and for a four-year period only.

He asked that the city be prohibited from levying any tax on incomes, gasoline, motor vehicles, corporations, inheritances, horse racing and insurance premiums.

**Road Bill Changes Asked.**  
Discussing the need for revising the \$100,000,000 road bill passed at the regular session of the General Assembly last spring, Mr. Byrnes said the State Highway Commission should not be bound to construction of express highways.

"High-speed, denied-access highways are built primarily for the benefit of nonresidents of the State," he asserted. "The dual-lane freeways and the limited-access type are primarily used by residents of the State, who, incidentally, are putting up the money to make possible the reconstruction."

"In the face of rising costs, I am unwilling to take the risk that a disproportionate amount be expended on the former type of highway. In the interest of the residents of the State who are paying the bill, the former legislation should be amended so as to take care of this contingency, should it arise."

**Other Items in Program.**  
Other parts of his program outlined in the message included: An increase from \$5 to \$10 a day in the maximum allowance to private hospitals for the care of indigent patients; allotment to the Board of Public Works of \$500,000 to supplement the Department of Public Welfare; appropriation of \$238,000 to pay the State's share of salaries to assessors in the various counties; appropriation of \$123,574 for the State police because of an increase from \$270 to \$350 in their daily food allotment; resumption of the chest surgery clinic at Mount Wilson and an additional \$100,000 to help administer the sales tax law.

The battle over the sales tax repealer in the House started when Delegate J. Rayburn, Democrat, of Baltimore, appealed from a ruling by Speaker C. Ferdinand Sybert, Democrat, of Howard County, rejecting his motion to have the bill referred to the House.

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## Write-ins Elect Candidate Who Failed to File

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Nov. 6.—A write-in candidate, who never did get around to filing his petition of candidacy, unseated the incumbent Commonwealth's attorney for Madison County in Tuesday's general election.

In one of several surprises in county election results, Hugh R. Ross of Criglersville unseated Raymond L. Jackson, the only man on the ballot for the position.

Mr. Ross said he intended getting his papers in on time, but on the last day of filing he was attending a Lions convention in San Francisco.

## Virginia G. O. P. Gains But One Assembly Seat In Comeback Attempt

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 6.—Virginia's Republican Party, attempting a strong comeback in Tuesday's general elections, gained only one seat in the General Assembly—in the House of Delegates—despite but conclusive returns showed today.

Running up against one of the largest off-year elections in several years, the GOP gained two seats in the House but lost one in the Senate.

Despite a strong campaign in the amount paid in each county, Republicans lost to Democrats in three districts.

**Lee County GOP.**  
Lee County swung over to the Republican side in all county elections, but Republican C. S. Pendleton lost to Senator Floyd Robinette by a slim margin of 911 votes.

In the Smyth-Washington-Bristol district, former Democratic Delegate George M. Warren was elected to the Senate over Republican Homer C. McFadden.

In another close contest, Democratic Harry C. Stuart edged out Republican T. C. Bowen for the Senate, 8,191 to 7,788, in the Buchanan-Russell-Tazewell district.

**GOP Senator Unseated.**  
Republican Senator Jacob A. Garber of the 24th senatorial district was unseated by Raymond Guest, Democrat, by well over 1,100 votes. However, Republican Senator Ted Dalton of Radford, defeated Democrat Benjamin E. Chapman by the slim margin of 233 votes.

Senator Floyd S. Landreth of Galax, the second Republican member of the Senate, was not opposed in the general election.

In the House races Republican J. Marion Smith of Lee County unseated Delegate A. P. Hamblen and L. C. Boyd, Democratic incumbent, lost to Republican Roger D. Fraley in Russell County.

Five other Republicans were elected to the House:

Benly Hite of Montgomery and Radford, W. C. Lambert of Shenandoah, Ralph L. Lincoln, incumbent, of Smyth; B. P. Simpson of Carroll and R. Kyle Poole of Wythe.

## Field Mass Planned Sunday In Maryland U. Coliseum

By the Associated Press

A military field mass will be celebrated at 11 a. m. Sunday in the coliseum of the University of Maryland at College Park, under sponsorship of the Knights of Columbus.

The mass will be said for members of the fraternal organization who died in the two world wars.

The Rev. George E. Glingas of St. Francis De Sales Church will deliver the sermon. The very Rev. John D. Matteo, superior of the St. John de Malthe House of Studies, will be celebrant. The Rev. Edward J. Roach, pastor of St. Jerome's, Hyattsville, will be deacon, and the Rev. Raphael Hollis, St. John de Malthe, will be subdeacon.

The choir of the Order of the Holy Trinity will sing under the direction of the Rev. Paul Donovan. Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the Washington Assembly will comprise the guard of honor.

## Drawbridge at Yorktown Approved in Virginia Talks

By the Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 6.—A vertical lift bridge to span the York River at Yorktown was agreed on here yesterday at a conference of representatives of the Virginia State Highway Department, the Navy, the Army and the National Park Service.

Agreement was reached on a minimum clearance specifications which the Navy had insisted on in the interest of national security, a spokesman for the district Army engineer's office reported.

These specifications call for 450-foot horizontal clearance between tenders, 200-foot vertical clearance when the vertical lift draw is open and 60-foot vertical clearance when the draw is closed. The latter specification will permit tugs and other small craft to pass beneath the bridge without the necessity of opening the draw.

## Bladensburg Senior Hi-Y Holds First Banquet

By the Associated Press

More than 80 fathers and sons of the Bladensburg Senior Hi-Y Club attended the first annual banquet of the organization last night in the Bladensburg High School cafeteria.

Guests and speakers were C. Paul Barnhart, Bladensburg High School principal, and Wayne C. Summer, director of the YMCA's Camp Letts. After the dinner the boys faced their fathers in basketball and volleyball games in the school gymnasium.

## Capital Transit to Extend G-8 Greenbelt Bus Line

By the Associated Press

The Capital Transit Co. announced today that beginning Monday on weekdays during rush hours only, it will extend service on the Route G-8 Greenbelt bus line to the loop in front of the dairy building at the University of Maryland.

## 18 Bills Affecting Nearby Area Go To Legislature

9 Measures Concern Montgomery, 8 Deal With Prince Georges

By a Staff Correspondent of The Star

ANNAPOLIS, Nov. 6.—The General Assembly has before it 18 bills affecting Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties.

The measures were among approximately 77 introduced yesterday at the opening of the Legislature's special session.

Nine of the 18 deal with Montgomery County. They include two submitted in an effort to solve the financial difficulties of Suburban Hospital, Bethesda. One would authorize the County Commissioners to purchase and operate the hospital and the other would empower the commissioners to appropriate not more than \$50,000 as a grant to the institution. The remaining seven Montgomery bills would:

1. Increase the borrowing power of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission from \$1,200,000 to \$2,000,000 for the purchase of park lands in Montgomery County. Final authority in the question of extending the park system would be vested in the county commissioners.

2. Authorize Takoma Park officials to borrow up to \$200,000 for capital improvements.

3. Authorize the County Commissioners to increase the fire tax in the 22d precinct of the 13th election district from 6 to 10 cents per \$100.

4. Repeal an obsolete act dealing with the Takoma Park Fire Commission.

5. Permit the County Commissioners to pay banks 5 cents for each tax bill they accept.

6. Empower the County Commissioners to increase salaries of deputy sheriffs, now fixed by law.

7. Increase the Laytonville tax rate from 10 to a maximum of 35 cents per \$100.

**Prince Georges Measures.**  
Eight Prince Georges County measures would:

1. Increase the Riverdale tax from 35 to a maximum of 55 cents per \$100.

2. Authorize the mayor and council of Riverdale to borrow up to \$25,000 as the town's share of installing a storm water drainage system there.

3. Transfer the duty of feeding prisoners in the County Jail from the sheriff to the County Commissioners. Under the present law, the sheriff is allowed a maximum of 60 cents a day for feeding each prisoner. No amount is specified in the bill.

4. Authorize the county commissioners to borrow up to \$150,000 on short-term notes for road equipment.

5. Empower the University of Maryland to purchase or condemn additional land for housing veterans attending the university. Funds are to be allocated by the State Board of Public Works.

**Berwyn Heights Tax.**  
6. Increase the Berwyn Heights tax from 20 cents to a maximum of 40 cents per \$100.

7. Increase the borrowing power of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission from \$800,000 to \$1,250,000 to purchase park lands in Prince Georges County.

8. Authorize Edmonston officials to construct sidewalks and streets and to assess abutting property owners for the cost.

The remaining bill, affecting both Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, would permit the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to discontinue making water and sewer house connections and to authorize them to be made by a registered plumber.

## 50 Calves Rounded Up After Truck Overturns

By the Associated Press

Fairfax County police reported today the calves escaped from an overturned truck driven by Donald E. Tallafiero of Mount Solon, Va. Police said Mr. Tallafiero, who was not injured, received help in rounding up the calves from honor prisoners and guards at a nearby State camp. Two calves were killed when the truck overturned. According to police, the truck went off the road when the driver dozed at the wheel.

## Bladensburg Man Fined As Owner of Gaming Club

By the Associated Press

Nathan Davis, 42, colored, 4200 block of Forty-eighth street, Bladensburg, arrested by Prince Georges County police as the operator of a club where slot machines were in operation, was fined \$100 yesterday in Prince Georges County Circuit Court, Upper Marlboro, on a charge of setting up a gaming table.

Davis was apprehended with 19 others in a raid on the Bladensburg Athletic Club in the 4300 block of Forty-eighth street October 11. He was one of seven persons indicted on gambling charges by the county grand jury without a preliminary hearing.

Nine men and eight women arrested in the raid have forfeited collateral. Two persons were held as State witnesses.

## GIVE FORTUNE TO CHARITY—Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Barrett of Alexandria today turned over \$1,000,000 to the newly established Barrett Foundation. The sum represents almost their entire fortune. Profits from the fund are to be distributed annually among charitable organizations. (Story on Page A-1.)

—Chase-Statler Photo.

## Your Once-a-Year Chance

The Psalms of David bring comfort to Isaac Kaplan and his wife Greta.

Isaac came to America in 1939. He and his first wife Rebecca, left their cattle farm in Poland near the Russian border as the Nazi persecution of the Jews reached toward them.

They came to Washington, where their son already had found peace and freedom from oppression. They settled down to work and save money to send for their four daughters and two sons still in the Old Country. Isaac became a sexton in a synagogue.

Then came the partition of Poland and the Nazi invasion. Rebecca shuddered at each new report of terror, thinking of her own children. No word came of them. Rebecca grew more and more frail, and then Isaac was left a widower. Two years later his son here died.

Isaac had found another helpmate in Greta, also from the Old Country. They made their own way until Isaac suffered a heart attack. He had to give up his job. His sickness took their savings. There was no one to whom they could go.

Friends thought of the Hebrew Home for the Aged. There Isaac and Greta could be together, go regularly to the synagogue at the home, have the kosher food they loved. Isaac could have the medical care he needed.

Because the people of Washington support the home through the Community Chest its doors were open to Isaac and Greta. This is only one

of the many human services you make possible through

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## Virginia C. & P. Kept In Black by Wartime Calls, Official Testifies

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 6.—R. W. Michle, vice president of the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. of Virginia, told the State Corporation Commission yesterday that the company was kept in the black in its operations during the war principally by the "phenomenal" increase in revenues from interstate long distance calls.

Mr. Michle was a witness at a hearing by the SCC into the utility's application for marginal rate increases that would boost residence telephone charges by about 25 cents per month and business rates by about 50 cents.

Referring to an increase in intrastate rates granted by the SCC last January, Mr. Michle said the boosts were based on 1946 needs. The situation now, he added, has changed materially and more money is needed.

Leslie R. Conley, representing the Arlington County Public Utilities Commission, asked Mr. Michle if he could separate the earnings in the Arlington area from those elsewhere in the State. His question was overruled.

T. Justin Moore, attorney for the telephone company, said wage increases amounting to \$1,150,000 per year were granted last May. He also stated that there had been an increase of \$10,000,000 in the company's net investment for the first nine months of 1947.

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Tune to Station WMAL at 10:00 o'clock tonight for Isaac Kaplan's Story.

support them all by a single gift.—Star Staff Photo.

## The Federal Spotlight Congress May Place Ceiling On Permanent U. S. Employees

By Joseph Young

Congress next year will give serious attention to the possibility of placing a ceiling on the number of permanent-status employees in the Government.

Those members of Congress favoring the move say that this is the only way to reduce sizably the Federal payroll.

To support their argument, they point out that the number of permanent-status employees today already exceeds the prewar total. Before the war permanent-status employees numbered about 950,000. Today the figure is well over 1,000,000, and there are hundreds of thousands of war service jobs that the Civil Service Commission still has to convert to a permanent basis.

Limiting the number of permanent-status employees will force the Government to get down to an employment figure approximating prewar levels, these members feel. The ceiling favored by some is about 1,000,000.

The annual Government employment turnover due to death, resignations and retirements is about 30,000, and consequently the Government could make that many permanent appointments a year without increasing Federal employment.

On the other side of the picture, Federal officials contend that limiting the number of permanent employees would seriously cripple agency activities. They say that Government services and activities have increased since Congress convened for its regular session next January.

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## Mrs. Cannon Wins Closest Arlington Race

School Board Victors Reassure Teachers On Job Security

By the Associated Press

Mrs. Florence Cannon today was the victor in a close race for the second seat on the Arlington County Board as complete unofficial election returns were reported.

Incumbent F. Freeland Chew, winner of the other board seat, had led the eight other candidates throughout the balloting. Who would win the second seat, however, remained undecided until Clarendon precinct No. 1 at 1 a. m. gave Mrs. Cannon 243 votes to the 197 for T. Oscar Smith, her closest contender.

Meanwhile, a statement by the newly-elected School Board candidates today assured Arlington teachers their jobs are secure and "we will work very closely with them to provide Arlington children with the best educational opportunities possible."

**Smith Noses Out Cuppett.**  
Earlier, the race for the second County Board position was between Mrs. Cannon and Harry W. Cuppett, incumbent, who at one time was second only to Mr. Chew in the balloting.

Mrs. Cannon and Mr. Smith won joint support during the campaign by the Arlington Better Government League. Mr. Chew and Mr. Cuppett were supported by the Greater Arlington Association and both previously were named as Democrats.

Total unofficial returns showed the four leading board candidates lined up as follows: Mr. Chew, 4,920; Mrs. Cannon, 4,807; Mr. Smith, 4,518, and Mr. Cuppett, 4,473. The only other candidate for County Board to poll more than 1,000 votes was Lincoln Mackey, who received 3,876 votes.

**Primary Plan Is Urged.**  
Harley M. Williams, chairman of the Better Government League, today advocated revised